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### R E C E N T L Y

\$400,000 misunderstanding  
By Susan Lehman  
So maybe Vanity Fair writers don't actually make 400 grand. Who needs

### I can't get arrested in this town!

---A TALE OF THE . . . thin blue . . . ROPE LINE.

BY JAMES PONIEWOZIK

"An ongoing New York protest against the police shooting of an unarmed street vendor got a dose of Hollywood support this week. Activist Susan Sarandon and 218 others were arrested Thursday ..." -- "Names & Faces," Washington Post, March 27

Ronnie, hi, it's -- sorry honey, can you hold?

[Eight-minute pause.] ↩

Hi, Ronnie, you're a sweetheart, that was my homeopath, he's impossible to actually get on the phone. So I called because the talk we had last week? About this is a transitional point in my career and we need to raise my profile and get me into quality projects? Well, I'm doing Pilates with the cable news on -- it helps me clear my mind and get centered -- and guess who I see? Susan Sarandon, on the television, prime time, getting arrested. Looking absolutely fucking drop-dead gorgeous, I could rip her throat out. Have you heard about this Amadou Diablo man in New York? Well, apparently the thing with this Diablo --

[Three-syllable pause.] ↩

You see, Ronnie, this is exactly what I was talking about. The second-guessing and the corrections and the nit-picking. Do I have to remind you who could have jumped over to Ovitz when he came sniffing

Exhibit 1



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**Author**

**Sapien X99**  
 Registered User  
 (1/25/01 7:01:02 am)  
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**Stealth Obsidian("The End")**

" Come Vengeance "

Innocence  
 Has lost her head;  
 Justice,  
 Where have you fled?

Come Vengeance,  
 Out of the night:  
 Hunters  
 Sure of their might,  
 For Blood,  
 Soon to be shed

With blade  
 With axe and bow,  
 For reasons  
 You cannot know--  
 Perhaps,  
 The price was right?

*Edited by: Sapien X99 at: 5/1/02 8:34:48 am*

**Re: Stealth Obsidian**

**Moonstone Spider**  
 Registered User  
 (1/25/01 9:34:20 am)  
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Good feel and a nice emotive quality, but I can't see what the title has to do with the content. Also you may want to reword and rephrase certain lines as your rythm is screwed in a couple of places. Some lines only have 5 syllables and some have 6 or seven. I like it, though.

**Sapien X99**

Registered User  
 (1/25/01 2:33:09 pm)  
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**Yah, thanks**

Stealth Obsidian is the name of a group of bounty hunters in one of my stories. I guess you have no way of knowing that, though. I thought it would be a good title for my literary thread.

→ Thanks for the feedback. I tried to have six syllables per line, but I was able to add a lot of clarity by making some lines seven syllables. The part that comes before the comma is

→ supposed to be like an interjection, or a brief (2-3 syllable) pause in the poem that states the theme of the line. Thus I was much stricter in forcing the part to the right of the comma to be four syllables exactly. Still, I am not totally happy with it. If you have any other suggestions I am glad to hear 'em. thanks ☺

**Sapien X99**  
Registered User  
(2/4/01 3:12:50 am)  
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### Rock my Brain

*"Rock my brain"*

Rock my brain, leave my brain.  
Why can't I just be sane--  
learn to refrain again?

Caught in mud, drawing blood,  
Craving death, hating good,  
Life too late understood.

{ author's note- this was supposed to sound a little disturbing. It's just a poem, though. so don't worry about me.. too much }

*Edited by: Sapien X99 ■ at: 2/4/01 3:28:01 am*

**Tailsteak**  
Registered User  
(2/4/01 3:55:01 am)  
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### Disturbing

Well, it's certainly evocative.

Saint by Grace, Worldsmith by Nature, Freak by Choice.

**Sapien X99**  
Registered User  
(2/5/01 7:21:18 am)  
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### Destruction Haiku

*"Destruction Haiku"*

I saw destruction.  
The only thing left standing  
was a single cross--

The igneous flames  
Had revealed the gold beneath,  
The names engraved there...

*Edited by: Sapien X99 ■ at: 2/5/01 7:22:43 am*

**Sapien X99**  
Registered User  
(2/5/01 7:28:45 am)  
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### Re: Destruction Haiku

{ looks up evocative }  
thanks, Tailsteak!

**Tailsteak**  
Registered User  
(2/6/01 11:38:25 am)  
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### Haiku

Hmm... this new art form closely parallels "Spamku". I once saw an entire web site devoted to spamku.... I can't remember the addy, and I don't even know if it's still up...